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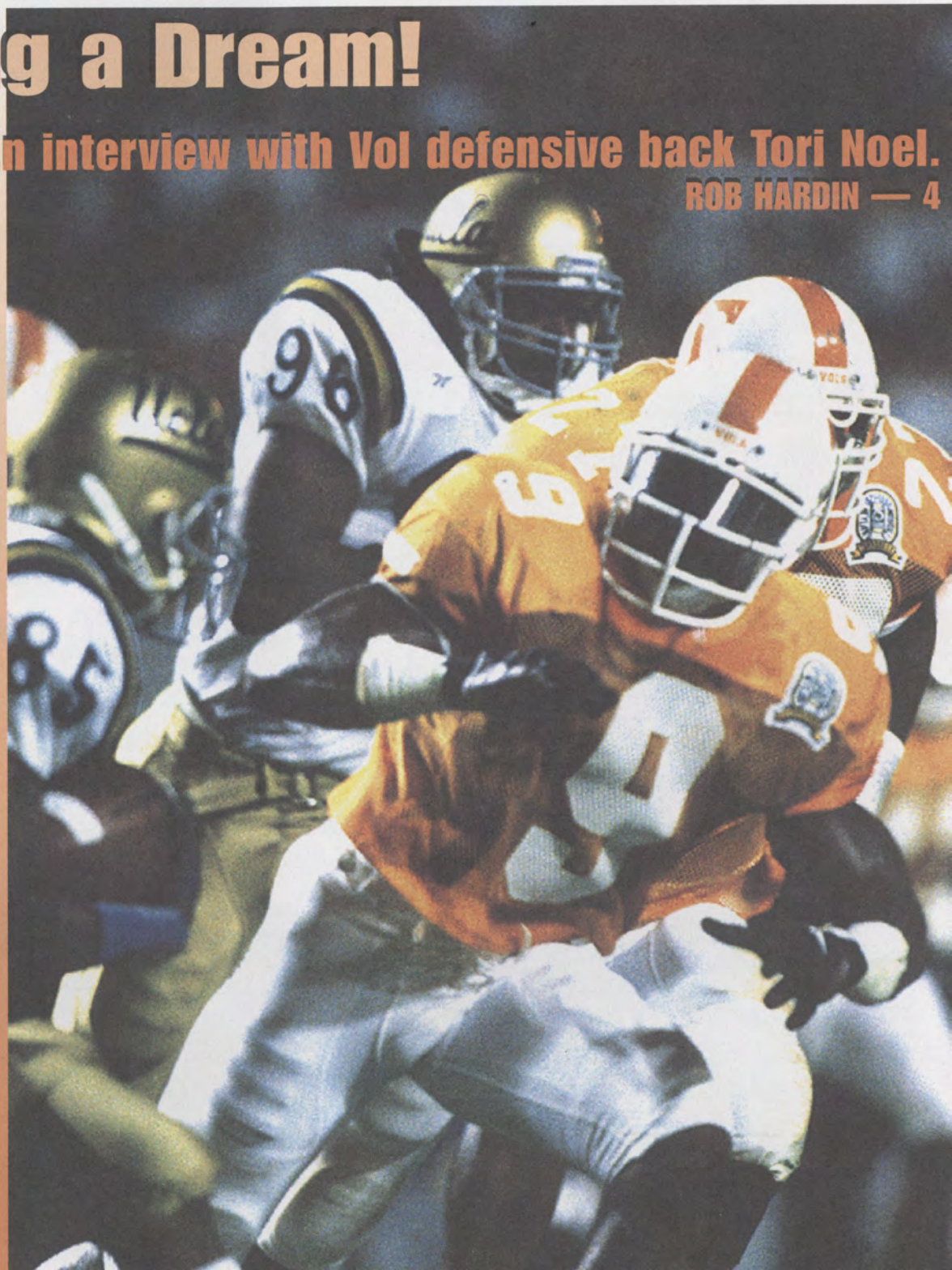

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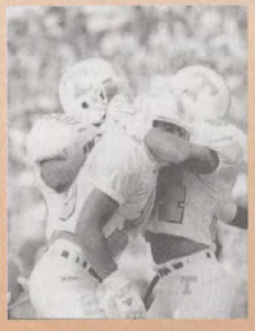

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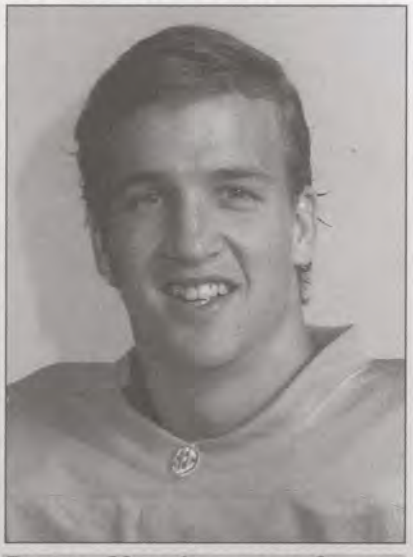
From the Editor

Burger King Honors Peyton Manning with Scholar-Athlete Award

After four years of starring on the gridiron and classroom, Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning was honored for his outstanding academic, athletic and community efforts. Burger King Corporation has named Manning its first 1997 Burger King College Football Scholar-Athlete of the Week, and will donate $10,000 to the University of Tennessee general scholarship fund in his name. The on-field award presentation was announced during halftime of the Florida State vs. USC game on ABC on Sept. 5.

"These athletes are incredible role models for kids today as well as for their teammates," says Jimmy Watkins, Burger King Corporation Senior Vice President, North America Marketing. "They have found a way to succeed in the classroom and on the playing field, all the while staying actively involved in their communities. They embody the ideals of this program, and we are extremely proud of each one of them."

Manning becomes the second Vol in three years to win this award. In 1995, Scott Galyon became the first Vol to win the award. Manning follows in the footsteps of last year's winner's in Danny Wuerffel, quarterback of the University of Florida, and the University of Virginia's all-star running back Tiki Barber.



Peyton Manning recently was named a Burger King College Football Scholar-Athlete Award winner.

Several Vols On Ballots for Post-Season Awards

With such high expectations for the 1997 season, several Vol grid iron players are on ballots for post-season recognition.

Heading the way is pre-season All-America Peyton Manning, who is the running for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award. Last year the honor was claimed by Danny Wuerffel. This year Manning is joined, among others, by Charles Batch (Eastern Michigan), James Brown (Texas), Thad Busby (Florida State), Ryan Clement (Miami, Fla.), Scott Frost (Nebraska), John Hessler (Colorado), Chris Keldorf (North Carolina), Freddie Kitchens (Alabama), Ron Powlus (Notre Dame), Matt Sherman (Iowa), and Corey Sauter (Minnesota).

The award winner will be announced on Nov. 26 with the presentation to be made in Louisville, Kentucky, on Dec. 12.

The **Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation, Inc.,** has announced its "Watch List" for the Biletnikoff Award, given annually to the nation's best college receiver. Tennessee senior Marcus Nash is among 31 collegiate receivers on the ballot.

The **Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando, Inc. (DACO),** the organization which annually presents the prestigious **Butkus Award** to the nation's outstanding collegiate linebacker, and **JOYNER SPORTS MEDICINE INSTITUTE, INC.,** the Award's national sponsor, have announced the preliminary list of candidates for this year's Award.

Vol junior Al Wilson is among 52 athletes vying for the national award.

Little Named SEC Player of the Week

For his efforts during the UCLA/Tennessee game in Pasadena, Calif., at the Rose Bowl, senior middle linebacker Leonard Little was chosen as the SEC's Defensive Player of the Week. Little recorded one sack, which moved him into second place on Tennessee's all-time list with 20.5 sacks, which resulted in a safety, as well as adding two tackles and several quarterback pressures in the Vols' 30-24 win.

Little was also recognized during the Texas Tech game as ESPN's Student of the Game. Little graduated with a degree in psychology and is now in graduate school.

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A Look At The Vols...
FULFULLING A DREAM!

It started four years ago, when Tori Noel left Memphis to come to Knoxville and attend the University of Tennessee.

He was out to fulfill a dream. Not the dream of playing Division I college football, not the dream of playing at his state university, not the dream of being able to earn a starting role on the team, not even the dream of playing on a nationally ranked team. His goal was to fulfill his mother's dream of him graduating from college.

Noel did just that this past August when he earned his bachelor's degree in Urban Studies from the College of Arts of Sciences.

"My mom - Linda Kay Murphy - said, 'son, you are going to go to school and get your degree,' and I did it for her," Noel said. "I am proud and she is proud of me. That is one thing that made my mom happy. She came up here for graduation and watched her son walk across the stage. It was great to see my mom watch me. She told me when I left to come up here, 'Tori, you love football, but I want you to graduate.' So I graduated. I could not do anything but graduate."

It was an emotional time for both Noel and his mother.

"It was the best thing in my life," he said. "I remember sitting down with my mom and she said, 'Baby I am going to send you up there to get your education. I am not going to send you up there to play football, I want you to get your degree.' For my mom to see her baby smile and cry was a great feeling for her and me. I am the first of her children to graduate and it was a great feeling to get that degree."

Noel is not the only graduate on the Vols roster, though. Joining him are team captains Leonard Little and Peyton Manning. Brad Lampley has also completed his undergraduate studies but a health condition has forced him into the role of a student coach. Noel believes they are setting a good example for underclassmen on the team.

"It is great for the program to have Leonard, Peyton and myself to be graduating and still on the team," he said. "It is a great feeling. It made me feel good when the freshmen came in and said Tori you are going to graduate. It made me feel good and proud. It made them think that if I can do it, they can come in here and graduate before their football career is over as well."

Three underclassmen that Noel has taken a particular interest in is the freshmen trio of Andre Lott, Kevin Taylor and Cedrick Wilson. All three are from Memphis and attended the same high school as Noel, Memphis Melrose.

"They kind of found me when they got here, and I told them I am going to help them to the best way I can," he said. "I am going to try to show them the ropes and show them the right direction. I told them they had four or five years of good football in them so don't get frustrated. When you come up here as a freshman, you kind of get deprived because a lot things do not go your way. You have a lot

Tori Noel looks to make every play a big one.

of veterans on the squad and you have to learn. I told them to come up here and have fun."

Noel was glad to have them join him in Big Orange Country.

"It is a great feeling to have three guys from the same high school and from the same neighborhood to come to school here," he said. "Those guys remind me of myself when I first came here. They are kind of rowdy and excited to get up here and put on that Big Orange jersey and to just be on campus. It is a great feeling for me because I know where they come from. It is a big joy in my heart to see those guys up here.

"I told them they are going to have good times and they are going to have bad times. I am like their big brother, and I told them if they needed somebody to talk to to come and talk to me. I was excited when they signed because I really wanted them to come here."

Noel does remember when he arrived on campus, and even tough it was four years ago, it seems just like yesterday.

"I told my roommate, Robert Poole, that we just got up here and we were freshmen just yesterday," he said. "I look back and cannot believe I am here for my senior year and have my degree. This is an exciting time for me.

"It has been a fast five years. My mom told me it was going to go by fast and I said, 'no it's not,' mom. It went by so fast. All the years I have been here I have enjoyed myself. I have met a lot of great people. The media, the coaches and the players have all been great."

Being here for four years has helped Noel mature, and he believes his experience will only benefit the Vols.

"I have matured a lot, and I have grown a lot as a young black man that my mom sent me up here to be," he said. "I look back and I don't do a lot of things I did as a freshman and sophomore. I have become more humble and meek in my life because Jesus Christ blessed me. I have matured and look at things as doing the right thing now. You can get distracted here, but I have matured and do not let those things get to me."

Noel hopes his maturity and that of the rest of the experience of the defensive unit will help the Vols defend their ranking as the SEC's top defense from a year ago.

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> ***— Vol defensive back Tori Noel***

"I think we will uphold our ranking as the top defense," he said. "But this year, we not only want to be the No. 1 defense in the SEC, but in the nation as well. We are capable of doing that. We are a cohesive defense."

Other than maturity, Noel believes practice is what makes the Vol defense so solid.

"When you are going against great competition in practice, you cannot help but do anything but improve and improve," he said. "Every player has room for improvement. Going against guys like Peyton, Marcus, Peerless and Andy you have to get better. That is what is great about playing with great athletes.

"It is competitive in practice.

You can't let them catch the deep ball. We practice against Marcus, Andy and Peerless, so when it comes Saturday we have practiced against the best, so we know what to do in a game. We make each other better."

Noel may be making his mark on the football field, but he has also earned respect in the classroom.

"A lot of guys made me feel great because they told me they look up to me because I got my degree," he said. "They told me if I can get my degree they will be able to get theirs. They feel if Peyton, Leonard and myself can get their degrees they can as well.

"It is a big accomplishment. People can take things away from you, but that can't take away that degree. When you have that in your corner, you are unstoppable. You can do anything in the world you want to do."

Tori Noel has been a key player in the Vol secondary since he got to UT. Is anyone surprised? You shouldn't be, because he's accomplished what he set out to do.

—Rob Hardin

FLORIDA UPENDS VOLS

Peyton Manning gets the pass away despite pressure from Florida defenders. Game photos courtesy Byron Small/Knoxville News-Sentinel.

(See Fulmer File, p. 8)

GAINESVILLE, Fla. Sept. 20, 1997 — Florida doesn't rebuild. It reloads. That was the storyline as defending national champ Florida knocked off Tennessee, 33-20, today at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, sending everyone not in Orange and White in a capacity crowd of 85,714 home in a good mood.

Things were not supposed to be the same for the Gators what with Danny Wuerffel, Reidel Anthony and Ike Hilliard gone to the NFL, but Wuerffel's replacement, sophomore Doug Johnson, stepped in with no apparent loss of efficiency in leading the Gators to the 13-point win in the always-pivotal late September encounter between the Vols and Gators.

The Vols fought the good fight on the verdant turf of Florida Field, but could not survive 134 rushing yards from Fred Taylor and eight catches by the mercurial Jacquez Green for 185 yards and one score.

What really hurt, however, was an 89-yard TD run by defensive back Tony George off a second-quarter interception. That oskie plus two field goals by Collins Cooper proved to be the ultimate difference.

"I was just trying to make a play, and I saw Marcus open," Peyton Manning said. "They blitzed the corner and he got a piece of me. It was a tipped ball and a tough throw. It was unfortunate because we could have gotten a field goal, but they went the other way for a touchdown."

"We are proud of the effort we gave," defensive end Leonard Little, who had two sacks (-29) and a deflected pass, said. "They made more big plays than we did and were able to win the game, but we have to go on. We are going to come back against Ole Miss and have a good game. We have eight games left and have to win all of them."

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> ***— JEREMAINE COPELAND***

Manning avoided a relentless Gator pass rush long enough to complete 29 of 51 passes for 353 yards and three TDS, two to the emerging and talented Jeremaine Copeland and another to freshman wideout Cedrick Wilson. Andy McCullough caught five passes for 105 yards and Copeland had three catches for 37 yards.

"We're very disappointed with the loss. We knew coming in we had to play extremely well to beat Florida," Manning said. "We played well at times, but that is not good enough to beat Florida. We just did not make the plays. It was tough and nothing came easy all day. We have a lot of work to do to get ready for Ole Miss."

Copeland's first TD catch came late in the half with the Vols trailing 14-0. It capped an eight-play, 78-yard drive set up by a Terry Fair interception he wrestled away from Gator wideout Jamie Richardson. Manning was six-of-seven on the drive, completing his final six in a row. He hit Marcus Nash and Derrick Edmonds twice on the drive and Copeland made a one-handed grab down

the right hashmark for the score from 22 yards out.

It was close to the half, 1:33 left to be exact, but not close enough as the Gators had time to get the six points back, scoring in three plays just 45 seconds before the final horn of the half. It was a pivotal series, even with a missed extra point thrown in.

"I just tried to make a play on the ball, grabbed it out there and happened to make it into the end zone," Copeland said of his score. "I made two scores, but we came out losers, so they really don't stand out."

Copeland added another score in the third period, grabbing an 8-yard TD toss on a drive highlighted by a 58-yard toss from Manning to McCullough. It was a drive in which Manning completed three of five passes for 80 yards, the exact length of the five-play drive.

The Vols' final score came in the fourth period on a four-play 60-yard drive. The payoff on the drive was a 16-yard toss from Manning to C. Wilson at the South end. Peyton hit Shawn Bryson for 13 yards, Nash for 12 and McCullough for 19 before the scoring toss to C. Wilson.

"They did not do anything we didn't expect, but they just made the plays and we didn't," Vol center Trey Teague said. "We had some turnovers that hurt us. We knew what was coming. We can't pick up the blitz every time. I thought we did pretty well, but not well enough."

The game also marked the punting debut of Memphis senior Chris Hogue who averaged 41.2 yards on six kicks, figures which included a long boot of 49 yards and a "pooch" punt for 27 yards that was downed at the Gator 7 by Al Wilson.

"I did not know I was going to get the call until the first punt," Hogue said. "I got the first chance and Coach Fulmer decided to stick with me. David and I have been competing hard in practice, and we both punted well this week. It is good competition for both of us."

Defensively, the Vols had their moments with three sacks and 10 lost yardage tackles. The Vols poured in on D. Johnson for 63 yards in lost yardage and held the Gators overall to 94 yards rushing.

Tori Noel had seven tackles and Al Wilson six, two for losses, for the Vols and Fred White roared in for a sack that took away 11 yards. Cory Gaines had seven hits and did a yeoman job in keeping several big plays from being even bigger. Steve Johnson had four tackles and an interception he wrestled away from Green. But in the end, turnovers and other errors spelled doom for the Vols.

"We made a lot of minor mistakes and when you make mistakes against a great team you are going to come up losing," Copeland said. "We just have to put this game behind us and go on to the next one. We will bounce back and everybody will be focused on the next game."

Andy McCullough (left) had a solid game receiving for the Vols with five receptions for 105 yards and Al Wilson (right) had six tackles. two of which were for losses.

GAME NOTES: Manning became the first Vol to attempt 1000 passes in his career as he now has 1042 career attempts... Manning now stands in third for career touchdown responsibility in the SEC with 72 and is fifth in touchdown passes with 63...Nash's seven receptions give him 123 for his career which places him in a tie for second with Tim McGee (82-85) on the UT career chart...Little's two sacks give him 21.5 for his career which is third best all-time at UT.

WEEKEND NOTES: The Vol harriers finished fourth in a meet held at Indiana... Chad Copenhaver and Mark Way advanced to the third round of doubles in the ITA Clay Court Championships in Baltimore... The Vol linksters were in 12th place after the first round of the Keswick Club Cavalier Classic... The Lady Vol volleyball team (3-9) dropped its home opener 3-2 to Pittsburgh... The Lady Vol Cross Country squad also placed third in a meet held hosted by Indiana... The Lady Vol soccer team improved to 4-2 with a 8-0 win over East Tennessee State.

Tennessee Statistics vs. Florida

Team Statistics	UT	UF
First Downs	20	19
Rushing	4	6
Passing	15	11
Penalty	1	2
Rushing Attempts	20	36
Yards Gained	64	168
Yards Lost	19	74
Net Yards Rushing	45	94
Net Yards Passing	353	261
Passes Attempted	51	32
Passes Completed	29	14
Had Intercepted	2	2
Total Offensive Plays	71	68
Total Net Yards	398	355
Average Gain	5.6	5.2
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	2-0
Penalties No-Yards	6-55	9-76
Punts-Average	6-41.2	5-36.6
Punt Returns-Yards	2-33	5-74
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-142	3-34
Int. Returns-Yards	2-0	2-92
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	28:53	31:07
Third Down Conversions	5-16	5-13
Fourth Down Conversions	0-2	0-0
Sacks By-Yards	3-40	2-9

TENNESSEE	0	7	7	6 — 20
FLORIDA	14	6	6	7 — 33

11-UF: Richardson, pass from Johnson 11. Cooper kick
Drive: 69 yards, 7 plays, 2:19 possession, 9:43 on clock.
1-UF: George, interception return 89. Cooper kick.
Drive: :15 on clock.
2-UT: Copeland, pass from Manning 22. Hall kick.
Drive: 78 yards, 8 plays, 4:08 possession, 1:33 on clock.
2-UF: Green, pass from Johnson 19. Kick failed.
Drive: 63 yards, 4 plays, :48 possession, :45 on clock.
3-UF: Cooper, FG 37.
Drive: 48 yards, 7 plays, 2:42 possession, 8:33 on clock.
3-UF: Cooper, FG 40.
Drive: 41 yards, 7 plays, 2:10 possession, 3:44 on clock.
3-UT: Copeland, pass from Manning 8. Hall kick.
Drive: 80 yards, 5 plays, 1:12 possession, 2:32 on clock.
4-UF: Ross, pass from Johnson 30. Cooper kick.
Drive: 77 yards, 10 plays, 5:31 possession, 6:23 on clock.
4-UT: C. Wilson, pass from Manning 16. Pass failed.
Drive: 60 yards, 4 plays, :54 possession, 2:21 on clock.

Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Levine	4	27	4	23	0	15
Lewis	5	14	3	11	0	9
Crosby	3	9	1	8	0	7
Darden	3	2	0	2	0	1
Manning	5	12	11	1	0	8

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Manning	51	29	2	353	3	58

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Nash	7	94	0	26
McCullough	5	105	0	58
Copeland	3	37	2	22
P. Price	3	20	0	9
Levine	3	11	0	6
Edmonds	2	21	0	16
Lewis	2	18	0	12
Bryson	2	17	0	13
C. Wilson	1	16	1	16
Shuler	1	14	0	14

Punting	No.	Yards.	Avg.	Long
Hogue	6	247	41.2	49

All Returns	Punts No.Yds.LP	Kickoffs No.YdsLP	Int. No.Yds.LP
Copeland	2 33 33		
Levine		4 101 32	
Goodrich		1 41 41	
Fair			1 0 0
St. Johnson			1 0 0

Fulmer File...

1997 Florida Game

Saturday's defeat at Florida was a bitter pill to swallow, particularly in view of how much everybody wanted the Gators - fans, players and coaches alike.

Frustrating though the loss was, it wasn't nearly as bothersome as it would have been without the terrific effort our team put forth. Our players never let up.

I'm sure the entire squad felt the way I did, that we had a good shot at victory up until Florida's final touchdown. At that stage, we would have needed a miracle or something close to it to win the game.

We all believed we could beat the Gators, but that it would take our best performance to get it done. Going in, I was extremely upbeat about our chances due in large part to our practice sessions being so productive leading up to the game.

Our workouts since the UCLA game had really sparkled. It seemed every day we made noticeable improvement. Everything I saw on the practice field both in Knoxville and Ocala last Thursday contributed to the positive attitude we felt coming into Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

Bottom line, though: we lost the game. Give credit to Florida that the Gators played as well as they did both offensively and defensively. Coach Steve Spurrier did a fine of job of having his team ready. We don't make excuses about our play; we give deserved respect to the winning team.

Our people need to do a lot of remedial work between now and our Ole Miss game Oct. 4. Our passing offense didn't produce the way we had hoped. A combination of factors hurt our air game.

Florida did a smart job of coming after Peyton, applying heavy pressure. Florida's coverage of our receivers was the other part of the equation. We had trouble finding our open targets, and Peyton did not have much time to look for them. I felt Peyton competed well under difficult conditions.

A big decision everybody was curious about involved our punter. Would it be David Leaverton, who kicked for us the first two games, or would it be the untested Chris Hogue?

On Friday, I elected to go with Chris, who was doing a good job on the practice field. My hope was that we would end up playing them both, but we stuck with Hogue because he was doing well during the game.

We tried to pooch kick near the end of the first half because Florida had previously used a tackle at the spot where we kicked it. Unfortunately, the Gator coaches changed that. The net result was they started the series with good field position.

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> ***— Phillip Fulmer***

Even though the Gators scored a touchdown on the possession, there were no downcast faces in the dressing room at halftime. At 20-7, we felt that 13 points was not an insurmountable deficit.

I was proud of our defense in limiting Florida to a pair of third quarter field goals, but that final Florida touchdown was a killer. The Gators' running game was instrumental during the drive, with Fred Taylor showing some superb qualities from the tailback position.

People will mention various scenarios that could put us back in the hunt for the Eastern Division title in the Southeastern Conference. But, as I told our players, all we need to be concerned with is Tennessee. We'll look at the film of the Florida game and see where we can correct our mistakes in the future.

The open date will help us get over the bumps and bruises of the Florida game. We can't afford to waste time with hurt feelings because we have too much work ahead of us for any of that.

Next up is Ole Miss, a dangerous opponent that will give us plenty of problems a week from Saturday at Neyland Stadium.

— Phillip Fulmer

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Tennessee Tradition...

Ben Byrd on the Vols... Ole Miss Comes Back To Neyland Stadium

As an old traditionalist, I'm glad to see the Ole Miss Rebels back at Neyland Stadium again. It was a sad day when the expansion of the Southeastern Conference in 1992 brought an end to the annual rivalry between these two longtime foes. The series had gone uninterrupted from 1956 through 1991, save only the 1970 and 1971 seasons, and only traditional rivals Vanderbilt, Kentucky and Alabama have shown up more often on the Tennessee schedule than the friendly enemies from Oxford.

The rivalry produced some of the most memorable football games these old eyes have ever seen. The Vols hold a rather substantial edge in the all-time series, 40-18-1, but it was lot tighter than that in those years (1947-73) when the legendary John Vaught paced the Ole Miss sidelines.

Every big name football school has had its breakthrough coach. Notre Dame had Knute Rockne, Tennessee had Bob Neyland and Ole Miss had John Vaught. A line coach under Red Drew in 1946, Vaught was promoted to the head job when Drew moved over to Alabama in 1947. And over the next quarter century, Ole Miss stood at the head of the class, winning six SEC championships and appearing in a bowl game almost every season. When he hung up his whistle for good after the 1973 season, Vaught had compiled a record of 190-61-12 for a winning percentage of .745. And numbered among his victims were some pretty good Tennessee teams.

Vaught's first UT coaching rival was Neyland himself, and he caught the General in a bad year in 1947 when his Rebels romped to a 43-13 triumph over the Vols at Crump Stadium in Memphis. That was the worst beating Neyland had ever suffered and the General was said to be more than a trifle upset over Vaught's having run up the score, something that Neyland took pains never to do.

He may have made an exception in Vaught's case, although he never said so in so many words. In 1950, with the shoe on the other foot, Neyland's Vols pinned a 35-0 loss on the Rebels, one of the worst beatings a Neyland team ever administered to an SEC foe.

Vaught took it out on a number of Neyland successors, at one interval (1959-66) running off eight straight victories over the Vols. But it was after that streak ended that Ole Miss came up with its most celebrated win over Tennessee, the infamous "Jackson Massacre" of 1969. That one was triggered by an interview with Vol All-America linebacker Steve Kiner in the pre-season, when Kiner had referred to Ole Miss players as mules rather than horses and replied "Archie Who" when asked about the Rebels' great quarterback, Archie Manning.

All this was grist for Vaught's mill. The Ole Miss skipper, much like Neyland, never spoke lightly of any opponent. And when one spoke lightly of his team, he was quick to paste the clippings up on the dressing room wall. So when Tennessee brought its 7-0 record into Jackson on the afternoon of Nov. 15, Vaught's troops were ready.

I'm not sure that any Tennessee team has ever spent a more painful afternoon. Manning was superb. Everything the Rebels did turned out right and everything the Vols did turned out wrong. Orange Bowl officials, on hand to issue the Vols an invitation if they could even manage a close loss, tore up the bid invitation midway in the second half as the Rebel onslaught continued. It wound up, 38-0, Ole Miss.

It is not as widely remembered, but Vaught engineered another "Jackson Massacre" four years later. He had retired following the 1970 season, but things had gone from bad to worse during the stewardship of his successor, Billy Kinard, and in mid-season of 1973 the school fired Kinard and turned to the old master, Vaught, to put a finger in the dike. The Rebs were 2-4 and the morale was low when Vaught took over, but he rallied them to wins over Florida and Vanderbilt. Tennessee (6-2) was a solid favorite when the two teams took the field at Jackson on Nov. 17.

Tennessee was coming off a heartbreaking loss to Georgia two weeks before, that celebrated game in which a fake punt on fourth down sealed the Vols' doom. Vaught and Ole Miss exploited the same defensive weakness that Georgia had uncovered, rushing for 360 yards. The Vols were never in the contest. It ended, 28-18, and, for the first time in his UT career, Bill Battle had lost back-to-back decisions.

With Vaught no longer around to torment them, the Vols regained the upper hand on the Rebels in the 1970s and 1980s. Now the wonderful old rivalry is reduced to a sometime thing, but the memories of past battles linger on.

Former Vol

Haskel Stanback (1971-73)

Haskel Stanback came to Tennessee from Kannapolis, N.C., in the recruiting class of 1969-70 and, for his career, carried 391 times for 1730 yards and a 4.4 yard average. All-time, he ranks 13th in single game attempts (31 against Alabama in 1972), is tied for 10th in season attempts (183 in 1972), and led the Vols in rushing in 1972 and 1973.

He had four 100-yard games, with his high yardage mark of 143 coming against Vanderbilt in 1972. His 1972 mark of 890 eclipsed a school record held by Vol tailback Hank Lauricella, who had 881 yards some 21 years earlier. Haskel's mark lasted until 1983 when Johnnie Jones finished with 1116 yards. He was named Tennessee's outstanding player in the 1973 Gator Bowl.

Stanback was a fifth round draft choice of the Cincinnati Bengals in the 1974 pro draft and played for the Atlanta Falcons from 1974-79.

He now works for Norfolk Southern Railway in Knoxville having just recently moved back home after stints with the railroad in Birmingham and Lexington.

Haskel Stanback was the Vols' leading rusher from 1972 until Johnnie Jones came along in 1983.

Diamond Vols Set for Fall Drills

The University of Tennessee Diamond Vols began fall practice on Sept. 15, at Lindsey Nelson Stadium. The Vols will practice Monday through Friday and conclude fall practice with the annual Orange & White scrimmage on Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.

All practices are slated to begin at 2 p.m., and there are several intra-squad scrimmages scheduled through the pre-season. The practices and scrimmages are open to the public. Here is an opportunity to see the 1998 squad in action this fall.

Linn and Schwenk Honored

Former Tennessee Vol Tripp Schwenk and senior Jeremy Linn were honored for their performance at last year's Summer Olympics during the Tennessee Hall of Fame Award Ceremony, which was held at Green Meadow Country Club in Maryville. Schwenk and Linn were part of a medley relay team that won gold medals for the United States last summer.

Top Coaches to Speak at Clinic

Three of the nation's top college basketball coaches are slated to speak at Jerry Green's Coaches Clinic Sept. 26-27 at Thompson-Boling Arena. University of Kansas head coach Roy Williams, Florida State head coach Steve Robinson and Tennessee Lady Vol head coach Pat Summitt will be the clinic's featured speakers.

Green was an assistant on Williams' staff, along with Robinson, before taking the head coaching job at the University of Oregon. In the four years Green served on Williams' KU staff, the Jayhawks compiled a 103-30 record and reached the NCAA finals in 1991.

Coach Parrington Selected to World Cup Staff

Tennessee men's and women's diving coach Dave Parrington guided two Lady Vol athletes to national titles at the Dallas Morning News National Outdoor Championships and in so doing was presented the Coaches Award for Excellence. Five days later, Parrington was bestowed another honor when he was appointed to the United States World Cup diving team coaching staff. The World Cup will take place in Mexico City.

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TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS MARKS 10TH YEAR

Once again Tennessee golf coach Mike Malarkey has assembled an elite field to participate in Tennessee's Tournament of Champions Sept. 29-30 at Holston Hills Country Club.

This year marks the 10th edition of the tournament, and among the 15 teams competing six are ranked in the top 25 in the preseason MasterCard Collegiate Golf Rankings. Individually, the field looks strong as well. Last year's champion Matt Kuchar of Georgia Tech will be back to defend his title after having a strong summer of competition. The Georgia Tech sophomore may be the best amateur golfer in the United States as he recently captured the U.S. Amateur title over the summer. His three-round total of 206 last year tied him with Virginia's Matt Cooke (1994) for the tournament's best three-round total. This was Kuchar's first collegiate tournament.

Also coming off an impressive summer of competition is North Carolina State's Tim Clark. He captured the United States Public Links Championship this year. Both Clark and Kuchar will be competing in this 1998 Master's as a result of the wins.

Last year's team runner-up Virginia, which holds the No. 2 seed this year, will be back to try to take the title after losing by only three strokes to East Tennessee State University. The Buccaneers will not be back to defend their title, but the competition for the top spot will be intense.

Georgia Tech holds the No. 1 seed followed by Virginia. The seedings then go No. 3 Florida State, No. 4 Mississippi State, No. 5 Auburn, No. 6 Tennessee, No. 7 LSU, No. 8 Georgia, No. 9 South Carolina, No. 10 Florida Southern Southern.

Rounding out the field will be No. 11 Mississippi, No. 12 North Florida, No. 13 N.C. State, No.14 Duke and No. 15 Alabama.

Players to watch for the Vols will be junior Kevin Law who had 74.94 stroke average last season. Sophomore Derrick Centers had a 75.54 stroke average, and both competed in the NCAA Championships last season for Tennessee.

Tennessee will be going for its fourth consecutive trip to the NCAA Championships, and the Tournament of Champions will be the team's first test of the season.

The 54-hole tournament will once again be held at Knoxville's Holston Hills Country Club. Teams will play a practice round on Sunday, before competing in 36 holes of play on Monday. The final round will be held Tuesday and play should end in the early afternoon.

Holston Hills plays to a par-72 over 6948 yards. The course is no stranger to championship competition as it has hosted two NCAA Championships and three Southern Amateurs, most recently in 1995. The course also been home to three Tennessee Opens, six Tennessee Amateurs, two Tennessee PGA Championships, and it is a yearly qualifying site for the U.S. Open, U.S. Amateur and U.S. Senior Open. Golf Digest has ranked Holston Hills as one of the top five courses in Tennessee.

— Rob Hardin

Lady Vol award winner Tracy Bonner with women's AD Joan Cronan (left) and diving coach Dave Parrington (right).

Senior Kevin Law returns after helping the Vols to the 1997 NCAA Tourney.

BONNER IN RUNNING FOR TWO PRESTIGIOUS HONORS

Former Lady Vol and NCAA diving champion Tracy Bonner, has earned numerous awards since completing her eligibility this past spring. At the end of August, Bonner was selected the state of Tennessee's NCAA Woman of the Year, while also being nominated for NCAA Top VIII honors one week later.

As Tennessee's representative to the NCAA Woman of the Year award, Bonner joined 50 other state winners (including a representative from the District of Columbia) who excelled in academics, athletics and community leadership.

As the state's honoree, she will join the other representatives at an awards dinner on Oct. 19 in Kansas City, where the Woman of the Year will be announced. Bonner graduated with a 3.31 grade point average with an undergraduate major in exercise science, and is seeking a master's in Sport Managment.

Her collegiate highlights include winning the 1995 NCAA three-meter diving national championship and the one-meter SEC title this past year. She also collected third-place finishes on the two springboard events at the 1994 NCAAs. A 10-time All-America, Bonner competed in all four NCAA Championships in the three disciplines during her career.

She teamed with current Lady Vol junior Kathy Pesek for their second national crown on the three-meter synchronized competition at the Dallas Morning News National Outdoor Championships this summer. The duo will represented the U.S. at the World Cup in Mexico City from Sept. 10-14 and will do so again at the World Championships in Perth, Australia, in January.

During her career, Bonner earned four All-SEC academic awards as well as a College Swimming Coaches Association of America academic All-America once. She earned Dean's List honors each semester at UT, and was a member of the Lady Vol honor roll all but one time. In addition, she was twice chosen as the Lady Vol Academic Achiever for outstanding overall academic performance.

In addition to her honor as Tennessee state NCAA Woman of the Year, Bonner is a candidate for the prestigious NCAA Top VIII award. The qualifications for the Woman of the Year are similar to that of the Top VIII. A candidate needs to excel athletically, academically and have strong leadership qualities, a sound character and have participated in various community and school activities. The NCAA selects eight student-athletes who had completed their eligibility during the previous year for the award.

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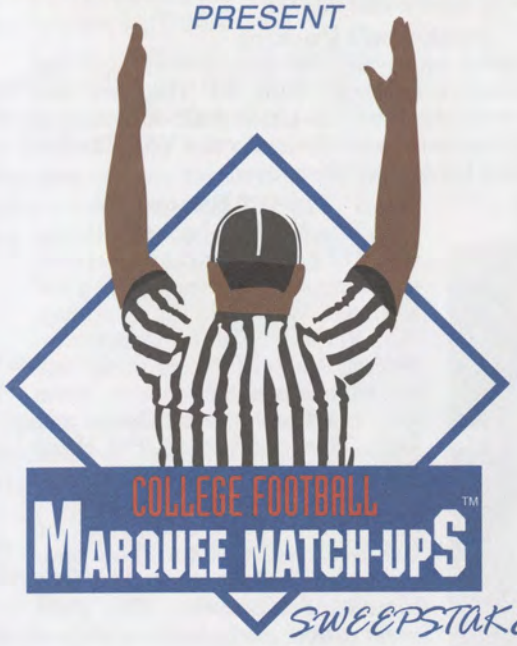

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VASF NEWS AND NOTES

Game Times for Football Games

The kickoff times have been set for the following Tennessee football games. Oct. 11 Georgia - 3:30 EDT; Oct. 18 at Alabama - 6:00 CDT; Nov. 8 Southern Mississippi - 4:00 EST. The times for other games (Mississippi, South Carolina, Arkansas, Kentucky, and Vanderbilt) will be announced 12 days prior. Media organizations have until 12 days before a scheduled contest to determine if they will televise a game. Game times will be announced through media releases or you may call the ticket office information line at (423) 974-9100 for more information.

VASF Day

Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund Day, a day to thank and honor all the donors who make Tennessee's athletic program one of the country's elite, is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 1, the day of the South Carolina football game, at Thompson-Boling Arena. More details will follow as the date approaches. Be watching for your tickets and information to come in the mail. Contact the Office of Athletic Development at (423) 974-1218 for more details.

Football Season Sellout

The Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund is proud to announce that all season football tickets for the 1997 season are sold out. The Office of Athletic Development is accepting donations for 1998 ticket priority. Remember all donations are due by March 15, 1998, in order to receive priority ticketing benefits.

Football Gameday Parking Notes

Please remember that there is no recreational vehicle parking allowed on campus this year. All recreational vehicles owners are encouraged to park their vehicles on the agricultural campus. Also, remember that Neyland Drive from Lake Loudon Boulevard to the James White Parkway is under construction and is often down to one lane. There is no gameday parking allowed on Neyland Drive this year. In an effort to have everyone exit quickly and safely after the game, all lanes of Neyland Drive from Lake Loudon Boulevard to the James White Parkway will be eastbound traffic. All lanes of Neyland Drive from Lake Loudon Boulevard to Kingston Pike will be westbound traffic only.

Midnight Madness

On Friday, Oct. 17, at 10 p.m. in the Thompson-Boling Arena, the 1997-98 basketball seasons will officially be underway. The NCAA requires that the teams not practice until midnight, but there will be plenty of action beforehand as fans will compete in various contests. There will also be video highlights and concessions for sale.

Don't miss your opportunity to get a first glance at the Vols and Lady Vols before they heat up Thompson-Boling Arena this winter.

See Brandon Wharton and his Vol teammates at the "Midnight Madness" on Oct. 17 at Thompson-Boling Arena.

Basketball Parking

1997-98 season basketball parking permit applications and renewals are due by Sept. 30. They are $44 each and are available only to basketball full season ticket-holders. Contact Claire Stone in the VASF Office at (423) 974-1218 for more information.

Tip-Off Banquet

The 1997-98 basketball season will get underway in earnest with the annual Wendy's Tip Off Banquet to be held on Thursday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m. in Thompson-Boling Arena. The evening will be highlighted by visits from Vols' head coach Jerry Green and Lady Vols' head coach Pat Head Summitt.

Robin Roberts, an ESPN basketball broadcaster, will be the featured speaker. The banquet meal will be catered by Calhoun's of Knoxville. Get your reservation early to be a part of this exciting evening on the floor of Thompson-Boling Arena.

Tickets are $25 per person or $200 for a table seating eight. Each table will also be dining with either a team member or coaching staff member of the Vols or Lady Vols squads. Contact the Women's' athletic department at (423) 974-0001 to reserve your seats or for more information.

Basketball Mini-Game Packs

Applications are available for the 1998 Big Game Packs. The packs include home games against Kentucky (Sat., Jan. 24), South Carolina (Sat., Feb. 7), Arkansas (Sat., 14), and Vanderbilt (Sat., Feb. 21). Each package costs $40 and contains one seat for all four games. Seating is in the third level for some of the best match-ups of the year.

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—Steve Sams

Knoxvillian Pavon To Join Golf Coaching Staff

Head coach Lori Brock added Knoxville resident Judy Pavon to her coaching staff as an assistant on Aug. 12. Pavon was an All-American for Alabama, where she graduated in 1989. She also earned three Academic All-American honors during her tenure in Tuscaloosa.

Upon receiving her degree, she participated on the Futures Golf Tour, before joining the LPGA tour in 1991-92. She then returned to the Futures circuit for two more years, before taking a position as a teaching pro at Fairways and Greens.

Cross Country Schedule Released

Coach Brenda Webb's Lady Vol cross country team opened its season on Sat., Sept. 6 at the Appalachian State Cross Country Invitational. UT followed up with a trip to the Georgia State Invitational in Atlanta on Sept. 13, followed by a dual meet against Indiana in Bloomington, Ind., on Sept. 19.

They are scheduled for the Auburn Invitational at Auburn, on Oct. 4, the Pre-NCAA Open in Greenville, S.C., on Oct. 11, and its only home race of the season, the Tennessee Invitational on Oct. 24. The Lady Vols will hit the road for their final two meets, the SEC Championships in Columbia, S.C., on Nov. 1, and the NCAA District 3 Championships in Birmingham on Nov. 15.

Volleyball To Appear On Fox SportSouth

As part of the SEC television package, the Lady Vol volleyball team will play Kentucky in a live broadcast on Fox SportSouth on Sun., Nov. 16 at 1 p.m. ET. The match, which takes place at Tennessee's Alumni Gym, will be preceded by a 30-minute live studio show. The UT-UK match will be one of nine SEC soccer and volleyball matches broadcast during an eight-week stretch from Oct. 5 through Nov. 23 on Fox SportSouth, Fox SportSouthwest and The Sunshine Network.

Volleyball Staff Finalized

The final piece of Coach Rob Patrick's volleyball staff was cemented when Sherry Dunbar was hired as an assistant. A member of Ball State's "All-Decade" team after graduating from the school in 1992, Dunbar is the Cardinals' all-time leader in blocks. Prior to arriving in Knoxville, Dunbar spent the past four years as an assistant coach at San Francisco. At UT, she will work with the middle blockers as well as handle travel and scouting and assist with recruiting.

Golf Ranked Eighth in Preseason Poll

The 1997-98 preseason MasterCard Collegiate Golf Rankings tabbed Coach Lori Brock's Lady Vol golfers as the No. 8 team in the nation. UT, which ended as the No. 4 ranked squad last season, returns three starters, including two who rank among the nation's elite. Senior Erin Kurczewski was picked ninth, while junior Jessica Lindbergh was 29th.

Lovingier and Jestila Named To All-Tournament Team

Lady Vol volleyball players Lynn Lovingier and Chris Jestila had impressive debuts to the 1997 season when they earned all-tournament honors at the Tennessee Preview, helping guide UT to a second-place finish. Lovingier, a junior outside hitter from Mission Viejo, Calif., tallied 24 kills, 27 digs, nine blocks and a .321 hitting percentage in the four matches, while Jestila, a sophomore outside hitter from Phoenix, collected 42 kills and 31 digs to earn the honor.

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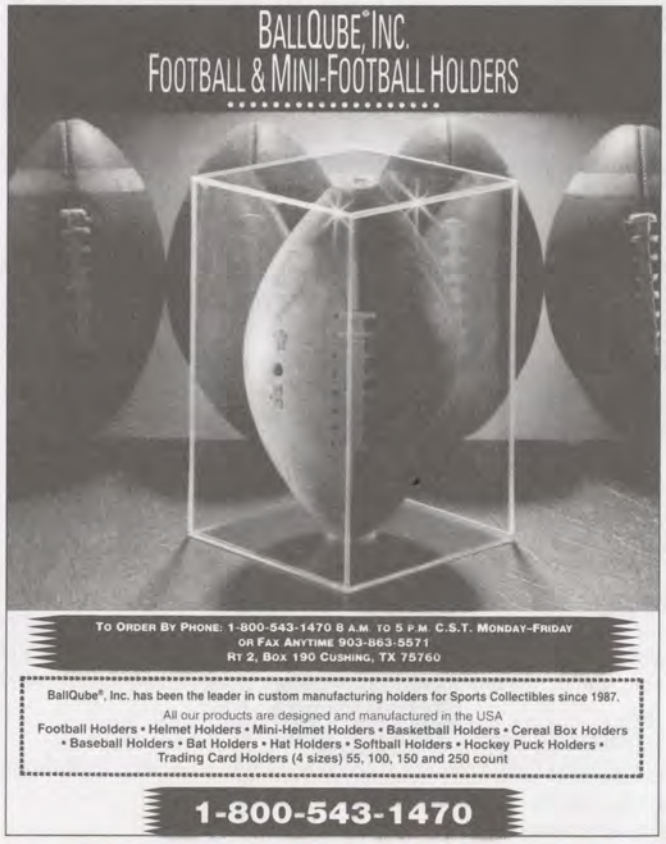
Former Vol Jim Miner (left) accepts two tickets to the Ole Miss game from "T-Club" President Pat Shires. You could be next. Just stop by the T-Club Room prior to each home game.

Former Vol on Fox SportSouth

Former Tennessee standout Charles Davis, who played defensive back for the Volunteers from 1983-86, will be behind the microphone this season as part of Fox SportSouth's college football coverage. Davis led the Volunteers in interceptions in 1983, `84, and `86, and finished tied for fifth on Tennessee's career interception list.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The current roll shows almost 1200 members to the Lettermen's Club, which is great news. However, there are still plenty of former Vol athletes who are not members. Some are not because they are not aware what the Lettermen's Club offers, while others have simply not been in touch with the University lately.

We want to encourage them to be a part of a great tradition. If you know of a Letterwinner who fits that description, please let us know. With new and exciting events planned for this year, we want everyone to be able to take part and you can help make that possible. Contact Judy Constantine at (423) 974-9054 for more information.

Associate Memberships

In recent months, the matter of associate memberships in the University of Tennessee Lettermen's "T-Club" reached a point where then President Lloyd Richardson appointed a committee of the Board to study the matter and develop a recommendation on the issue.

With these individuals in mind, the committee recommended to the full Board the following as it relates to awarding of associate memberships to the Tennessee Lettermen's "T-Club."

An associate membership can be given to any athlete at the University of Tennessee who was on a roster in a varsity sport for one full season, with said sport being fully supported by UTAD and deemed a "full status sport" by UTAD. Additionally, individuals are eligible as an associate member if they were a coach or an assistant coach as defined previously for two or more years.

Membership Numbers Up

At the time of our printing date, there are now 1149 Lettermen Club members, with 39 new members joining in the last couple of weeks. The Lettermen's Club is growing and with your help we can become one of biggest supporters of our current Vol athletes. We thank you for your support, and as always the true Volunteer spirit is shining bright.

Recognition

The weekend of the Vanderbilt game will also host a halftime recognition of the 1967 SEC Championship teams for Tennessee in Track and Field, Basketball and Football. Please make plans to be a part of this special weekend.

Next Meeting

The "T-Club" will have its next meeting on Oct. 2 in the Gibbs Hall Dining Facility. Board Members please make note of this important date.

Honorary Memberships

Under Article IV, Section 4, of the "T-Club's" bylaws, an Honorary Membership may be given to an individual for outstanding service or achievement reflecting favorably on the University of Tennessee and its athletic programs. Said Honorary Members shall not pay dues and shall not be allowed to vote or hold office. Honorary Memberships shall be determined by the Board of Directors and is reserved for the highest accomplishments and service to the University of Tennessee Volunteers Athletic Department.

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1997-98 LADY VOL GOLF PREVIEW

When the Tennessee women's athletics department announced six years ago that golf would be the seventh varsity sport to be offered for women, athletics director Joan Cronan established the 10 building blocks for success. Cronan knew a program would not be successful without a solid foundation. So, the Lady Vols raised over one million dollars, and the program is now fully endowed. Next, a leader and role model needed to be selected to take the reins of a new program and take it to the top. Also, the top student-athletes were recruited to be successful on the course and in the classroom.

This season UT does not have a lot of depth with only five on the roster, but the experience that these five have is unmeasurable. Led by senior All-SEC selection Erin Kurczewski, the "Task Masters" will travel an ever challenging road that is filled with tough competition all along a route that hopefully will stop in Madison, Wis. Kurczewski will be closing out a spectacular career at Tennessee. She ranks near or at the top in many categories in the Lady Vol record book, and is one of three returning to the Lady Vol lineup that participated in the NCAA Championships.

For some teams, the road will begin and end in Madison, Wis., at the University Ridge Golf Course. This will be the site of the 1997 Rolex Fall Preview and the 1998 NCAA Championships. The tournament field for the Preview will feature the defending national champion, Arizona State and the 1996 Rolex Fall Preview winner, Arizona. This will be the second time the Lady Vols will be competing in the tournament, as last season the Lady Vols placed sixth.

Next up for Tennessee will be inaugural Mercedes-Benz Women's Collegiate Championship that will be held in Knoxville, Tenn., When the program was initialized, hosting a first-class event was one of the 10 building blocks that Cronan had established. On Sept. 26, the goal will become reality as top teams from across the nation and world will converge on Knoxville for the tournament.

Lady Vol Golf coach Lori Brock discusses the upcoming Mercedes-Benz Tournament.

Before looking forward to the post season, the Lady Vols will travel to the Lady Paladin Invitational on Oct. 17-19. After the Lady Paladin, UT will take two weeks off to prepare for the Rolex Team Championships, on Nov. 1-3. This will be a match play tournament that will feature the top eight teams in the nation at the luxurious Doral Golf Resort and Spa in Miami, Fla.

From Florida, Tennessee will head north to Hilton Head, S.C., for the annual Golf World-Palmetto Dunes Collegiate Invitational to close out the fall season.

As the Lady Vols close out the fall season on the East Coast, they will open up the spring season on the West Coast at the UCLA Bruin Classic, Feb. 23-25. The last time UT competed in the Bruin Classic was in 1993 when the Lady Vols finished sixth with a three-day total of 938.

Tennessee will head back to Knoxville for approximately a month to begin preparations for the Lady Gamecock Classic when the Lady Vols will defend their team title. The final tune-up before SECs for Brock's troops is the inaugural Bryan Cup that will be hosted jointly by the University of North Carolina-Greensboro and Wake Forest.

One of the goals to be attained in the near future is an SEC Championship. This may be the year with the experience-laden Lady Vols. The SEC Championships will be held at the River Chase Country Club in Birmingham, Ala., April 17-19. Georgia will be defending its title, and, while LSU will be a team to keep an eye on, both Auburn and Florida return experienced teams primed to vie for the title.

After the conference championships, the Lady Vols will wait to hear if they will be in the NCAA East Regionals at the Duke Golf Club in Durham, N.C. The top eight teams from the east and 11 from the west advance to the 1998 NCAA Championships in Madison, Wis., May 20-23 for the 72-hole tournament.

Another senior returning will be Ripley native Rachel Thompson. The 1997 SEC Honorable Mention selection lowered her stroke average for the second consecutive year. Thompson played 21 quality rounds of golf last season, with her top performance coming in the SunTrust Women's Intercollegiate. Thompson tied for fourth with a 54-hole total of 222. She also fired a career low 72 during the second round.

Junior Jessica Lindbergh carded a season, career and team low 69 at the 1997 Lady Gamecock Classic. Lindbergh and Kurczewski should be the one-two punch for the Lady Vols this season. Lindbergh led UT to a sixth place finish at NCAAs with her own sixth place showing, an improvement from the 1996 NCAA Championships where she placed 67th.

—Carol Crawford

The Last Word...

30 Years In The Vol Network Booth

Thirty years ago, former Vol wingback (1955-57) Bill Anderson received a phone call from then UT athletics director Bob Woodruff asking him if he would be interested in becoming a color analyst for football games on the Vol Radio Network.

"That certainly was a long time ago," he said. "Coach Woodruff called and asked me, but I was really not interested in it. Then I saw it announced in the paper and I decided I would try it for a year and help out at UT. I wanted to help them out some, because of the ties I had with the University."

Thirty years later, Tennessee must still be looking, because Anderson is still sitting one seat over on the left of Ward (with stat guru Russ Bebb in between and the spotter on the right) and helping bring UT football home to the folks in Big Orange Country.

Bill Anderson (right), with his good friend and longtime broadcast partner, John Ward.

Anderson's ties with the University started as a player, as he was a three-year letterman for the Vols between 1955-57 which included a SEC championship season in 1956 and being selected as a co-captain (with Bill Johnson) his senior year.

After UT, Anderson went to the NFL where he spent six seasons with the Washington Redskins. A back injury sidelined him for a year and he came back to Tennessee to spend 1964 as an assistant coach to Doug Dickey in Dickey's first year as Vol head man.

During the offseason, he soon discovered there was not much job security in coaching and likewise discovered that he had been traded to the Green Bay Packers. The decision to join the Packers was a good one, as his new team became champions of the NFL with a win over Kansas City in Super Bowl I in 1967.

"I was very fortunate to get traded to Green Bay and play with some great players," he said. "I don't know why they wanted me or how they got around to picking me, but I was glad to get on a winning team. Coach Lombardi was way ahead of his time."

When Anderson returned to Knoxville, the rest is history.

Anderson did get off to a shaky start during his first year on the air. During the 1968 Rice game, the third game of the 1968 season and the third of his broadcasting career, Anderson accidently disrupted the broadcast of the pre-game show.

The broadcasts in those days were done over telephone lines and saying "Goodnight Telco" was a signal to the telephone company that the broadcast was over. When asking for a sound check prior to that game, Anderson said "Goodnight Telco," not knowing what the phrase meant, and the line was cut off.

"A big deal has been made about that comment, but it really wasn't that bad," he said. "I didn't know what it meant. I had just heard other people say it. We were not cut off very long, and everything was fine in a few seconds. That story has grown over the years."

But that one incident has not taken the fun out of the job for Anderson.

"It is a form of escape for me," he said. "The only reason I still do it is because I do enjoy doing it. A good game is easy to do because of the drama involved in it. The next thing you know the game is over. But a game where someone is winning 55-0 is much harder and seems to last forever."

Anderson's job is to tell the thousands of listeners over the Vol Radio Network what is occurring in the game.

"I don't know how well I relay information to the fans," he said. "I like being a part of the game experience for those who listen. I try just to give my comments and thoughts about the game around what John is saying and give him a break occasionally.

"There is one thing that makes college football so exciting. You have young kids out there who can make a big play and then there are young kids who may make a mistake. There is a lot of uncertainty in college football, and things can turn around pretty quickly."

Anderson's philosophy of conveying information revolves around the team concept of football.

"Football is a team sport and an individual cannot win on his own," he said. "Some people may be the ones to get their name in the paper, but it takes the entire team to win. Those are the guys I usually try to single out, the ones that make the block for the running back to get the big gain, or the defensive end who puts the pressure on the quarterback that forces him to make a bad pass so a defensive back can make an interception."

Over the years, Anderson has helped tell the story of Tennessee football to folks in Big Orange Country, however you may define that term. Quite well, we might add.

— Rob Hardin

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